Proposal to Establish the Michaela Petit Four-O'Clocks as the Childrens State Flower H.B. 5174

To Whom it May Concern,

I feel very strongly that by establishing the Michaela Petit Four-O'Clock as the children's state flower we will be doing a great service to Connecticut. Through working with the Petit Family Foundation, I have helped to establish a Michaela's Garden on the rooftop of the Connecticut Science Center. As the Staff Scientist at the CSC I realize more and more how we need more brave young women to feel confident that they can do science. This extraordinary Four-O'Clock flower is a great example of a plant that is 'brave' enough to open at night, and bare its' flowers in the darkest hours.

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